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U.S. Atlantic Commands senior enlisted advisor, Command Sergeant Major Robert Steele visited U.S. Forces Azores troops on Lajes earlier this week. The CSM's visit was his first to the base and he focused on quality of life issues for FORAZ members.

Command sergeant major visits Azores' joint staff

SSgt. Rosaire Bushey
Editor

Command Sergeant Major Robert Steele, senior enlisted advisor and CSM for United States Atlantic Command, visited Lajes earlier this week to meet with members of the U.S. Forces Azores joint team and discuss quality of life issues.

One of the first things he noticed during his first trip to Lajes was that the facilities on base, most notably the fitness center and housing, were much better than he thought they would be before he arrived.

"Since taking over this position in October I've had a chance to visit all U.S. ACOM areas except Lajes and Iceland," he said. "The wing and command which runs the base has done an outstanding job in providing ex-

cellent quality of life facilities for members who work on base," he said.

During his visit Steele toured the base schools and housing units and met with enlisted members of U.S. FORAZ to discuss quality of life related issues.

"I think one of the things I was most impressed with during my visit was the close-knit feeling I received from the staff," Steele said. "Generally, overseas, people tend to be more close, but within this even smaller group, the togetherness is even tighter than I've ever seen it."

Steele said the joint staff, one of the smallest of the sub-unified command staffs, was doing an excellent job with a very difficult mission.

"Most joint staffs have very definite divisions, but here the different agencies seem almost transparent because they work so well together as a team."

Briefs

Awards luncheon

The wing annual awards dinner scheduled for Jan. 23 has been changed to Jan. 31 at 6:30 p.m., with cocktails at 6 p.m. Dress is semi-formal and the cost is \$9 for E-1 through E-6 and civilian equivalents; E-7 and up is \$12.

LEAD program

Military members without dependents who will not have passed their 22 birthday by July 1 and who are interested in attending the U.S. Air Force Academy preparatory school, can apply for the Leaders Encouraging Airmen Development, or LEAD, program. An Air Force Form 1786 must be completed and submitted by Jan. 31.

Last year 258 airmen applied for the program. Eight were selected for direct entry to the academy while 52 were selected to attend the academy's preparation school.

For more information, call the education office at Ext. 25291.

Lunch and Learn

The education office is sponsoring two lunch and learn series covering the topic of terrorism. One is scheduled for Tuesday and Thursday from noon to 1 p.m. at the community activities center.

The topic Tuesday will be "understanding terrorism" and Thursday's topic will be "new terrorist challenges." The speaker will be Dr. Vittorfranco Pisano, who will be here teaching a terrorism course for Troy State University. Pisano is a retired U.S. Army colonel and currently an adjunct professor of International Relations with Troy State University. He specializes in government and unconventional conflict and is the author of three books and more than 90 essays on matters related to terrorism. Everyone is welcome to attend. For more information, call Pat Conley at Ext. 23375.

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Officials answer questions on basic allowance for housing

The following are questions and answers from the Defense Finance and Accounting Service, Denver, regarding the new basic allowance for housing which will replace the basic allowance for quarters and variable housing allowance.

Q — My town/duty station is not listed. What is my BAH going to be?

A — Servicing finance offices should be able to tell members what their military housing areas are and, based on that information, provide rates. Several members have been advised to contact the Defense Finance and Accounting Service for rates. People should contact their local finance offices or the following web page: www.dtic.mil/perdiem/

Q — Am I going to lose money Jan. 1, 1998?

A — No. Remember, rate protection applies to members who don't lose entitlement to VHA for a specific military housing area. In

other words, so long as the member or dependents stay in the MHA, rate protection applies. It now applies to members who get promoted too. Therefore, if a member or dependent stays at an MHA, the 1997 rates, if higher, will be paid until the MHA changes or the member gets demoted.

Q — Were surveys used to compute the new rates or did contractors provide data?

A — We've been informed the rates were established using a survey and some contractor data. Remember, BAH is intended to reimburse members for only about 85 percent of their housing costs. It's not intended to be a complete mortgage/rent payment anymore than was VHA.

Q — What rate of BAH is used to compute payment for leave sold by an officer

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police blotter

The police blotters are true incidents which have affected the members of Lajes Field for the period of Jan. 8 to 14.

ASSAULT

Jan. 13 — Assault, Beira Mar. A family member was assaulted by a local national youth at a housing area playground.

VEHICLE ACCIDENTS

Jan. 11 — Minor POV/animal accident, off base. While traveling off base an Air Force civilian struck a donkey that was standing in the middle of the road. Damaged to the vehicle consisted of a smashed windshield and scratches to the driver's side of the automobile. The animal appeared to be unhurt and left under its own power. Local authorities were notified, responded and assumed control of the situation.

Incident	Jan. 8-13	1998 YTD	97 Total
Assaults	1	1	13
Domestic assault	0	1	4
Burglary	0	0	35
B&E sheds	0	0	30
B&E Gov. buildings	0	1	34
Larceny	0	0	140
Unsecured buildings	0	3	167
Vehicle accidents	1	5	91
DUI	0	0	5
Vandalism	0	0	75

Lajes Team Player



MSgt. Calvin McCoy

Unit - 65th Operations Support Squadron

DEROS - Feb. 4, 1998

How do you contribute to the Team

Lajes mission - By assisting the airfield manager in managing the daily activities of the airfield, to include construction, airfield inspections, coordinating airfield projects, developing procedures and training units for flightline driving, and working problems with the Portuguese airfield managers.

Like least about Lajes - The things that make you go MMMmmmm.

Like most about Lajes - The way you do the things you do.

Sorties

Jan. 5-11

ACC - 0

AMC - 27

DOD - 6

ALLIED - 18

DUI

Last DUI - Sept. 15

Days without a

DUI - 123



BAH rates *Continued from Page 2*

who has a save pay leave balance?

A — Offices who have save pay leave balances used to get paid for base pay, BAS and BAQ, rather than just base pay as is done for all others. Under the new law, the rate of BAH to use is BAH2, the old BAQ equivalent.

Q — What rate of BAH is payable to a member, with dependents, who is in confinement but continues to receive pay and allowances?

A — The BAH is paid to members entitled to base pay. Previously, only BAQ was payable to members in confinement because the law required a member to be 'assigned to duty in a high cost area' to receive VHA. However, there is no such restriction in the new law.

Q — If a member has been on station since before Jan. 1, but was living in quarters, what rate of BAH is payable to that member if he moves off base on or after Jan. 1? Is the member entitled to the 1997 rate since he or she was on station prior to the new year?

A — A member is entitled to the rate in



effect the date he or she moves off base. One of the major requirements for rate protection is that the member retains uninterrupted eligibility for the entitlement and, since the member was not receiving BAQ or VHA at that duty station prior to Jan. 1, he or she receives the 1998 rate.

Q — What rate of BAH is payable to a member who arrived on station prior to Dec. 31 and was receiving interim VHA on that date?

A — If a member arrives on station and is receiving interim VHA prior to Jan. 1, the member is rate protected at the Dec. 31 rate if the 1998 rates for BAH are lower. (Courtesy DFAS)

Team Lajes' generosity helped hundreds throughout 1997

Commentary
Chaplain (Capt.) Richard Novotny
Base charities chairman

Members of the Lajes community — It's with great gratitude I send this message. Since my arrival six months ago, I've seen numerous sides of the coin of life at Lajes. The most impressive, however, is the way the community comes together to support various charitable works and programs.

It's incredible the way the community came together in support of the mudslides on Sao Miguel in October. The outpouring of support and effort by so many during the holidays with the Angel Tree program which benefited both local nationals and members of our own community was exceptional.

In the last year the base chapel charities program has monitored the collection and

distribution of more than six tons of food, clothing and household items for two Sao Miguel relief efforts. We've given 46 boxes of clothing, seven pallets of food and miscellaneous items to base members and local nationals.

The Angel Tree touched the lives of more than 400 people. There have been two parties provided to the orphanages, as well as bringing orphans to the base for community appreciation day and the all saints celebration at Halloween. The Chapel has raised more than \$5,300, which has been donated to the charities program. More than 200 people have provided more than 750 volunteer hours.

I thank each of you who make all these things happen.

Asking that God bless each of you, and with every best wish for this New Year.

Team Lajes

65th Comptroller Flight

The following people received the following awards:

Air Force Commendation Medal — SSgt. Maurice Malone, SSgt. Christopher Hearne and SSgt. Antonio Gonzalez.

Company Grade Officer of the Year — Capt. Dwayne Lahaye
Senior NCO of the Year — MSgt. Barbara Gill

NCO of the Year — TSgt. Thomas Schaefer

Portuguese Civilian of the Year, category 1 — Goretto Melo

Portuguese Civilian of the Year, category 2 — Orlanda Rameiro

Sr. NCO of the Quarter — MSgt. Barbara Gill

NCO of the Quarter — TSgt. Brian Shearer

Airman of the Quarter — Amn. Richard Rositas

Performer of the Month — TSgt. Jim Kokaly

65th Services Division

Quarterly awards

Company Grade Officer — 1st Lt. Rebecca Mosley

Senior NCO — MSgt. Cheryl Kelley

NCO — SSgt. Karen Rugg

Airman — SrA. Areda Battle

U.S. Civilian, category 1 — Marcy Babcock

U.S. Civilian, category 2 — Amy Forro

Portuguese Civilian, category 1 —

Jose Aguiar

Portuguese Civilian Category 2 —

Antonio Correia

NAF U.S. Civilian, category 1 —

Annie Kelly

NAF U.S. Civilian, category 2 — Roy

Nelson

65th Communications Squadron

Annual Awards

Airman — SrA. Brian Huber

NCO — TSgt. Jeffery Crim

Senior NCO — MSgt. Mark Martin

Company Grade Officer — Capt. John Rankin



action lines

The Action Line is your tool to help Team Lajes. However, before you call, try to resolve your issue through the appropriate agency. You may remain anonymous, but for a direct answer, please leave your name and phone number. Items of base wide interest will be published. Use the following numbers to help solve problems through base agencies.



Col. Rod Gibson

Family support	23122	AAFES manager	23209
Commissary	26124	Hospital	23615
Civil engineer	26113	Housing	26251
Chaplain	23411	CE customer service desk	23335
Security police	26114	Telephone service desk	119
Supply squadron	23832	TMO inbound	25168
TMO outbound	24213	Personnel flight	23612
Services	21322/beeper 169-1174		
Action Line	24240		

Garbage pick up

I live in lower-T and quite often people will come through and cut open my trash bags to go through them. The trash man then comes by and picks up the bags, but when garbage falls out, he doesn't pick it up - leaving the rest of the trash at the bottom of the bin. After that, I have to rebag

the trash that's left so the other people can come by and cut the bags open again. This is a waste of my money. Why can't the trash collectors just dump the trash from our cans into the barrel they carry around and take it to the truck?

I share your frustration with people scavenging through our trash and while some people have resorted to locking up their trash, there is no perfect answer to this problem. Our security forces patrols rarely catch these destitutes and even if they do, there's not a whole lot we can do.

Your inquiry also allows me to address another area. One of the reasons folks sift through our trash is because we Americans tend to discard materials that still have utility. Try using the thrift shop and the chapel charitable organization to effectively recycle items you no longer need but which might still have use to others.

Finally, our civil engineers are challenged with collecting trash from the base and cottages. They have

been doing the job for more than a month now with only one operational garbage truck. As a result CE has been forced to also use their stakebed truck to collect trash. Unbagged garbage can't be collected because it will blow out of the truck en route to the Angra landfill. Also, when CE collects your refuse, the collector's bring the bags out to the curb so the truck can move along at a quick pace. This process can't be accomplished by accepting loose trash.

Lajes is a unique place with advantages and disadvantages. An advantage is that we're one of the few places where housing occupants aren't required to bring their trash to the curbside. Likewise, we need to make a special effort to ensure all of our trash is bagged.



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Mentoring

Common questions, uncommon answers

Lt. Col. R.J. Ruff
65th Medical Group
Commander

A very good friend of mine, Col. Chuck Boone, a retired medical service corps officer, once wrote that mentoring is a common question with uncommon answers. He said few would argue that a key requirement of leadership is to help develop future leaders. **Leadership by example and role model** is perhaps the best method to develop future leaders. But a close second to leadership by example and role model is **mentoring**.

Mentoring is the systematic, ongoing practice of helping develop the knowledge, skills, and careers of more junior executives in an organization or profession. The career long development of executives is one of the basic obligations

leaders have to any organization or profession.

Many top leaders today say their own career success has stemmed from their individual efforts and the support and guidance of other, more experienced leaders. In fact, each successful executive can look back on his or her own career and know that, without that special someone, who guided, who mentored, he or she might have ended up somewhere else at some lower rung on the career ladder.

Mentoring is a key to effective executive development. To help describe the role of mentor and methods of mentoring, we can answer four commonly asked questions about mentors.

What is a mentor and what does a mentor do?

A mentor is your expert guide on the road to success. He's been

where you hope to go. He opens doors, introduces you and gives honest views on complex work issues. He offers advice on important career decisions. She helps you gain greater knowledge, experience and education. She pushes you and your abilities to the forefront. She glorifies in your achievements and talks about you behind your back ... in a positive way ... to the right people. He's there when you need him. She is your teacher, sponsor and friend.

There are two general categories of assistance typically offered by mentors:

- **Provides advice.** A mentor can help sort out and select assignments, identify and assist in obtaining Air Force sponsored educational opportunities and recommend self improvement

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Q Is it true that there is currently a circus in Angra?

A: Yes. The circus is coming to town. Circus Atlas is back in Terceira for a series of performances in Angra and Praia. This time the circus will feature about 70 animals including Indian elephants, bears, camels, zebus, etc., as well as 58 professional artists and clowns. The circus is currently located at Fanal area (at the top of Angra's main street, go down the road to the right toward the ocean. The circus is located at the end of the road.) Starting tonight, the circus will perform every night at 9:45 p.m. and at 4:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. The entire company will then move to Praia in about two weeks. Tickets can be purchased at the door two hours before each show. Ticket prices range from 400 to 1,200 escudos.

Q I heard there is another Portuguese TV channel available on the island. Is this true?

A: Yes. The new channel is the RTP-1 channel, which broadcasts directly from Lisbon. Its signal has already been available in Angra and the eastern side of the Terceira Island for quite some time. According to Portugal Telecom's technical services, the signal will also be fully available in Praia and surrounding community villages

ask Ed

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by the end of the month - after transmitters are completely installed at the top of Praia Ridge.

The RTP-1 signal can then be picked up using a UHF antenna in the following frequency: channel 33 (567.25Mhz). The RTP-Azores signal, currently being aired on the VHF band, will change to UHF by the end of the month. The new frequency will be channel 30 (543.25 Mhz).

Ed needs your questions. If there is something you've been wondering about regarding Terceira or the Azores, call Ext. 23413 or email him at the address above. Go ahead, Ask Ed!

Mentoring *Continued from Page 4*

initiatives. Your mentor will introduce you to leaders in the field, in your AFSC and even on base. A good mentor will naturally help you get appointed to the right committees and task forces nominating you and supporting your candidacy.

- **Provides situation consultation.** Your mentor can advise you on interpersonal strategies to improve working relationships and manage conflict in your work environment. Adroit in the use of various problem-solving and process improvement tools and strategies, a mentor can guide you in the use of the appropriate strategy to suit the situation. A mentor is someone to bounce your ideas off.

A good mentor will offer to review and advise you on drafts of articles you are writing and on upcoming presentations you intend to make and perhaps offer a different viewpoint or approach. And of course, the good mentor will give such reviews high priority in his or her busy schedule.

How do I choose a mentor? An old American Indian saying holds that: When the pupil is ready, the teacher will appear. Mentor and mentee seem to connect somehow. Executives report being drawn or attracted to a mentor by charisma, expertise, and an elusive quality that they know makes them special.

Usually, it's someone whose values are similar to your own. Typically the mentor is already a role model - someone with unusual excellence in some respect, some unique skill. Note too, the **best** mentor is usually not your boss; the formal line of authority makes informal, open communication, and requests for assistance by the mentee, difficult for both parties.

To find the right mentor, look around. Start in your organization; then expand your search. Talk to peers and leaders you trust. Find someone with a reputation for excellence. Then call the prospective mentor; provide a little background on yourself, why you would like this person as a mentor, and just ask. Then follow up with a letter and a short biography or curriculum vitae. Be sure to identify your career goals and specific long term projects you are working on.

How can I become a mentor?

Of course you need to be very good at something - and pretty good at most things. But more than that, you should be someone who cares. Someone who's willing to spend time coaching others. You must always be learning, open minded to new ideas, and staying abreast of latest developments in the field. You should know what is happening on the leading edge of trends, technologies, and concepts in your profession. Finally, when

you agree to be a mentor, you "buy-in" to certain obligations.

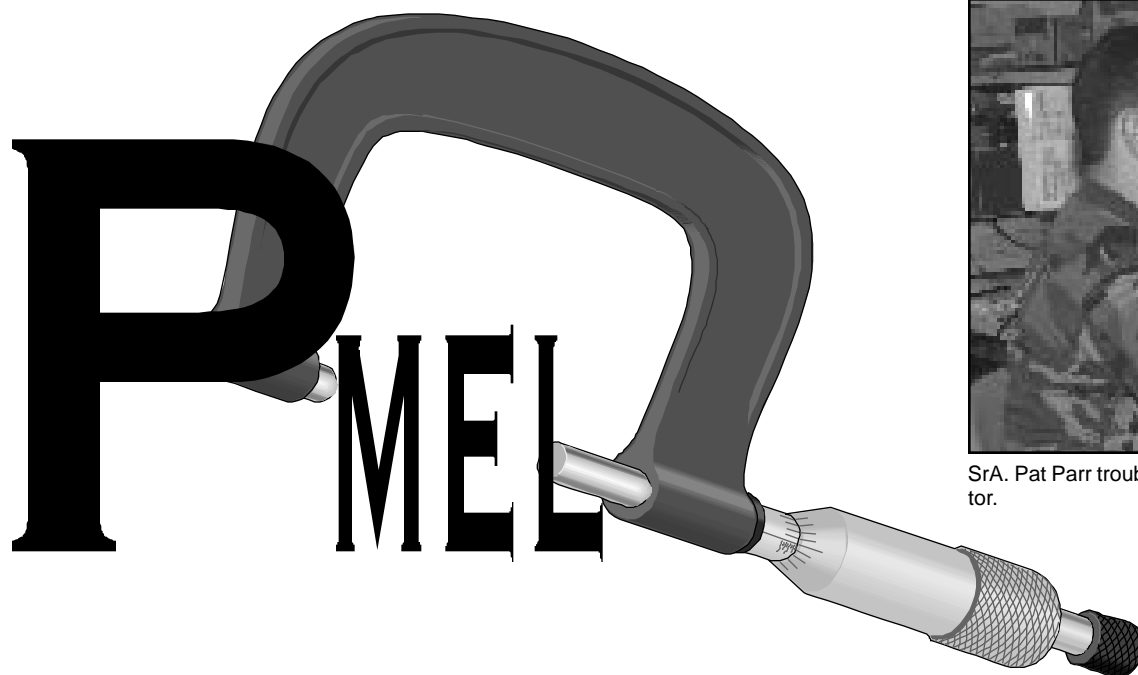
How will I know if the mentoring relationship is working?

Executives involved in the program report mentoring evokes constantly flowing, high level energy. They "get a charge out of it." It appears to be a mutual sense of a transmission of internal power, coupled with a boost in self esteem. In the relationship, there is a mutual feeling of genuine professional caring, warmth, and loyalty. And also the desire to excel to make the mentor proud of you. In many cases, there is a sense of family.

Since mentoring is vital to your professional growth, advancement and becoming an expert in your field, waste no time if the relationship is not working. Be polite but firm in stating your views. And of course, a nice "thank you" note is a must.

One of our obligations as leaders is the development of more junior executives. Further, each of us is concerned about achieving our full potential and being as successful in our careers as possible.

Mentoring enables the Air Force, our professions and each of us to achieve our goals. As we mentor and pay close attention to the four questions described here and closer attention to the answers, we will all become better leaders.



SrA. Pat Parr troubleshoots a spectrum analyzer tracking generator.

PRECISION MEASUREMENTS MADE EASY

TSgt. Patricia Collins
NCOIC, public affairs



oscilloscopes, test equipment and baby scales.

These are only a few of the items the Precision Measurement Electronics Laboratory is responsible for here at Lajes. With more than 2,000 such items (everything from baby scales to landing and navigational systems on the flight line) scattered throughout the base belonging to diverse Air Force units, Army units, the commissary and the Defense Reutilization and Marketing Office, it's easy to see the 12 people assigned to the laboratory work hard to ensure all equipment items used for quantitative measures are reliable and accurate.

Quantitative measures apply to any equipment that must be calibrated to ensure it works properly. Most equipment is on a regular schedule such as a 90-day, 120-day or 12-month schedule. All of these must be able to be traced back to the National Institute of Standards and Technology and all labs that do this work must be certified by the Air



SrA. Mark Smallwood performs a validation of the standard cell enclosure which is used as a base reference standard for voltage.



SrA. Pat Parr verifies the crystals' numbers against the master inventory hand receipt.

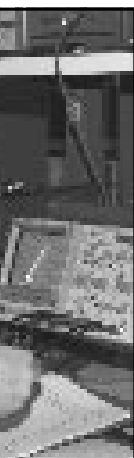
Force Metrology and Calibration Program.

Part of this certification process focuses on the output while another large part focuses on the working conditions of the lab.

Conditions in the lab must be maintained at 73 degrees plus or minus six degrees with 20 to 50 percent humidity making the laboratory a controlled environment.

"Without these guidelines, some of our

calibrations may be off. Our equipment used for calibration can be sensitive to cold and heat, so we have to make sure we have optimal working conditions," said MSgt. Mike Goelze, PMEL superintendent. To facilitate this, the shop recently installed air-lock doors to help maintain this environment. "Our whole business is proving that test equipment, scales or anything else that



enera-



SrA. Leonard Beszczynski prepares to calibrate a voltage amplifier.



SSgt. Scott Burkhardt performs pressure measurements using a dead weight tester.

passes through our doors is accurate so that when mechanics on the flight line use their equipment or shoppers at the commissary use the vegetable scales they can be guaranteed that their equipment is in prime working condition."

As far as output goes, TSgt. Jim Steele, lab chief said his people work really hard to provide the best service they can. This is proven by the four-day turnaround time for equipment.

"When our customers drop their equipment off, we usually give it back to them in less than four days," said Steele. "We've maintained this rate for about one year." While there is no Air Force standard to compare this to, laboratory inspectors who inspect the lab every two years drop off current statistics from each base. Currently the average workload for most Air Force bases is seven days. This makes the Lajes average almost half of that of their counterparts.

Quality rates are also at an all-time high. About 6.25 percent of all equipment released from the lab goes through a quality assurance



SSgt. Judy Hatfield talks to a customer about turning in equipment.

review before it is released. Of this, 97 percent passes the subsequent calibration and testing process. This equates to a 97 percent rate throughout all released equipment.

This isn't always easy. The modernization of electronic equipment brings about new challenges for members of PMEL.

Goelze said, "When many of us first started in the career field, most of the equipment still had tubes. Well tubes are obsolete now. While the equipment is usually

more reliable these days, it's much more complex in components and technology. Most pieces of test equipment now have more than one function. This can make troubleshooting more difficult."

The difficulty lies with technical school availability on the new equipment. Like many jobs in the Air Force, technicians are forced to rely on on-the-job training and technical manuals to make their way through the calibration and repair process. Not many get additional training at advanced schools.

Another challenge facing the career field is the potential outsourcing of many of the labs. Currently almost 25 percent of the labs are staffed by contractors and that number could grow in the future when most labs may be outsourced.

So the next time you're at the commissary or you weigh yourself on the scales at the gym, rest assured that the folks at PMEL have put that equipment to the test and ensured it's accurate – with some equipment down to the parts per million.



Behind headlines, 1997 was busy year for Air Force

SSgt. Amy Hickey
AMC News Service

SCOTT AIR FORCE BASE, Ill. (AFNS)

— On the surface, 1997 was a difficult year for the Air Force.

But if you dig deeper, beyond the headlines, soundbites, book excerpts and "in-depth" stories, the Air Force had one of its best years in history. From humanitarian missions at home and abroad to preserving peace in every corner of the world, the force achieved unprecedented success.

Its presence in Bosnia and Kuwait allowed children to walk to school without the threat of gunfire and families to sleep without the fear that their homes would be invaded during the night.

As Haiti wrestled with democracy, Air Force medics cared for its residents, providing free medical care and performing critical surgeries. In Guyana, blue suiters injected hundreds of children with life-saving immunizations. Worldwide, the force transported 40,000 patients to hospitals for specialized medical treatment. The president of an Asian nation, premature babies and countless others were saved by the responsive actions of American airmen throughout the world.

When a savage typhoon ripped through southern Vietnam and left tens of thousands of people homeless, the Air Force was there, delivering nearly half-a-million-dollars worth of relief supplies.

In a remote area of the Amazon jungle, airmen worked diligently to protect America from illegal drugs. Using radar and satellite systems, they were able to thwart numerous planes attempting to smuggle drugs out of Peru.

In Veracruz, Panama, Air Force engineers battled disease-carrying mosquitoes. They removed washing machines, stoves and bus tires from the town's curbs - junk that collected water and became a breeding haven for mosquitoes that carry dengue fever. The Air Force

destroyed 80 percent of the mosquito hideouts in the city, sparing many residents from the painful and potentially fatal disease.

Its members fought raging forest fires in Indonesia, built schools and medical clinics in South America, and delivered clothes and toys to needy orphans in Eastern Europe.

The force was also busy at home.

In January, it hauled 36,000 pounds of winter supplies to a Sioux Indian Reservation in South Dakota. Without clothing and blankets provided by the force, many of the 12,000 Native Americans living in substandard housing on the reservation may not have survived the blustery winter.

When spring flooding threatened a small town in North Dakota, Air Force members helped stuff 2.5 million sandbags and build several miles of dikes in an attempt to avert the rising Red River. When the town's 60,000 residents had to be evacuated, airmen at Grand Forks Air Force Base welcomed them into their homes, providing safe places to sleep and hot meals. The Air Force delivered 150 tons of relief supplies, and its members dug deep into their own pockets to raise nearly \$200,000 for families who had lost everything to the merciless river.

Across the nation, countless children benefited from the generosity of Air Force members who spent their off-duty time as mentors, Scout leaders, coaches, ministers, tutors and volunteers. They dished out food at homeless shelters, built homes for low-income families, shared memories with ailing veterans and raised millions of dollars for cancer and AIDS research and various other charities.

These efforts didn't receive national attention. Maybe they were shrouded by bad publicity. But bad publicity doesn't change facts. In 1997, the Air Force worked 24 hours a day, seven days a week to make America and the world a better place...

It was a busy year. (Courtesy AMC News Service)

Briefs

F-16 crashes in Utah

HILL AIR FORCE BASE, Utah (AFNS) — A 388th Fighter Wing F-16C crashed Jan. 8 while flying a simulated bombing mission over the Utah Test and Training Range near Bonneville Salt Flats, Utah, about 100 miles west of Hill AFB.

The pilot, Lt. Col. Judd Kelley, from the 34th Fighter Squadron, ejected safely from the single-seat aircraft. He was transported to the Hill AFB hospital by a Utah Army National Guard HH-60 Blackhawk helicopter. Following the accident, the 388th FW cancelled flying for the remainder of the day and Jan. 9.

An accident board is being formed to investigate the accident.

Recruiters needed

The Air Force is looking for recruiters. The normal tour of duty for a recruiter is four years with the possibility of a two-year extension and career recruiter status.

Recruiter duty offers stability (no possibility for an overseas tour for four years), the chance to live in a civilian community (maybe your hometown) and a change of pace from the duties of your primary Air Force specialty code.

There are a number of prerequisites for becoming a recruiter. An applicant must:

- Be a technical sergeant, staff sergeant, staff sergeant-select or second-term senior airman
- Be highly qualified in an AFSC (appropriate level of training and good enlisted performance reports)
- Be eligible for a permanent change of station
- Be outstanding in appearance, military bearing, conduct and past performance
- Be in good health;
- Be committed to the Air Force
- Satisfy administrative requirements, such as having a valid state driver's license and meeting a recruiter selection board.

There are also benefits available to those selected to be recruiters:

- \$375 per month special duty pay
- Leased family housing
- Cellular phones
- Reimbursement of authorized out-of-pocket expenses associated with recruiting.

Applicants should contact their military personnel flight for guidance on application procedures.



Program looking for world class athletes

Carlos Tavera
65th Services Division

Starting in January applications for the Air Force World Class Athlete Program (WCAP) may be forwarded to HQ AFSPA/SVPAF.

The WCAP offers qualified Air Force athletes the opportunity for extensive athletic training and assistance, with the defined goal of qualifying for the United States Olympic team trials. Participation is limited to athletes of Olympic sports.

The national governing body of the respective sport to be considered for the program must endorse all candidates.

Athletes selected may be assigned to the WCAP for up to 24 months prior to the summer Olympics. While participating in the program, athletes receive limited financial support for training and competition. Though participants usually stay at their present duty stations, individuals may be relocated to ensure access to adequate athletic training facilities and/or close contact with their sports' national coaching staff.

The WCAP assignments end when the athlete drops from Olympic competitive status, does not qualify for the Olympic team trials, or upon the conclusion of the olympics. The 1996 Olympics had three Air Force WCAP members on U. S. Olympic teams.

Participation in WCAP is limited, and selections are made on a case-by-case basis. Selection for WCAP may impact career aspirations since WCAP athletes may be out of their career field for up to two years.

Contact the Chace Fitness Center at Ext. 25151 for assistance in obtaining and completing an AF Form 303, request for specialized sports training, which must be forwarded for consideration for the program. Members of the guard and Reserve are eligible.

Mission support lieutenant wins trip to Superbowl XXXII

Asked if he'd sell the tickets, winner says he's going to San Diego

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Editor

It was fated to be.

Daniel Hernandez, 65th Mission Support Squadron, had never played bingo before in his life.

He hadn't planned on playing Saturday either but a friend - as it turns out now, a really generous friend - had an extra ticket which they sold to him. Now, with some help from another friend, he's going to his very first Superbowl.

"I really had no intention of playing," Hernandez said. "A friend had an extra ticket though and as I knew a few others who were going I decided to give it a try."

Hernandez picked up his tickets a few hours before the club opened for the event and the ticket sellers gave him a prophecy with the receipt - "you'll probably win with that," they said.

They were right but it wasn't obvious until the end of the evening. "Throughout the whole night I didn't win a thing," Hernandez said. "I came close on a couple but I couldn't even win the random drawings."

When it finally came time for the big one, the 10th game of the evening, Hernandez said he was pretty much not paying attention. He's not the only one.

"Through the last game he was just joking with other people and not really looking at his cards," said Denise Colby, a friend of

Hernandez' who was a major factor in his win. "I remember marking three numbers he had passed over on the card which eventually won and when the winning number was called nearly everyone at the table was yelling before he realized he had won."

Maybe it was fate that Colby was there watching his cards but it's a debt that's been repaid - Colby is going to San Diego as well. "If she wasn't watching I'd be watching the Superbowl from here," Hernandez said. "I owe her one of those tickets."

Two other people also bingoed with Hernandez, but a straight bingo playoff decided the day, and as captured on film by TV8, Hernandez' victory brought a yell, a smile and a dance - a sad dance, but a dance nonetheless.

Now it's time for the California native to make his travel plans and go cheer for his team - or one of the teams that made the big game.

"I'm a Raiders fan, but I guess I'll have to root for John Elway," he said. "I don't especially want the Broncos to win, it's just Elway."

No matter who wins, however, Hernandez said just the experience of going to a Superbowl will be worth it.

"It's really a once-in-a-lifetime event," he said. "I don't think I'd ever pay as much money as this prize is worth to see a football game, but because I have the opportunity, I'll take it gladly."

And, while Hernandez doesn't see himself becoming an avid bingo fan anytime soon, he'd definitely play Superbowl bingo again - willingly this time.

"I'd recommend this event to anyone who is here next year. It's not always the 'other guy' who wins. Sometimes it really is you."

Maybe it was fate, maybe it was luck, but one way or another Daniel Hernandez will be at a tailgate party Jan. 25 in San Diego.

Sports briefs

Racquetball tourney

• An invitational racquetball tournament will be held Jan. 25 from noon to 6 p.m.

TILGA golf tournament

The Terceira Island Ladies Golf Association will hold its monthly couples tournament Jan. 25 at noon. This is a nine hole tournament followed by a potluck dinner.

The next general meeting will be held Feb. 7 at 9:30 a.m. at the golf course. For more information on tournaments or membership call Cherie Freeman at Ext. 28555.

Massage class

A massage class will be held Feb. 14 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the ballroom. Learn the five basic strokes of Swedish massage. Cost is \$40 per couple. To sign up, call Ext. 24135.



TRADE WINDS

Saturday

Lunch: Hungarian goulash, roast turkey, pasta fagioli

Dinner: Creole spaghetti, spinach lasagna, yankee pot roast

Sunday

Lunch: Hamburger parmesan, grilled ham slice, baked and fried chicken

Dinner: Bratwurst, roast fresh ham, turkey spinach delight

Monday

Lunch: Peixe assado, meatloaf, curried chicken with brown rice

Dinner: Turkey curry, jaegerschnitzel, healthy heart chili macaroni

Tuesday

Lunch: Spaghetti, chicken alcatra, gingered pepper steak

Dinner: Sukiyaki, szechwan chicken, manicotti

Wednesday

Lunch: Oriental steak, salsicha a espanol, hot and spicy chicken

Dinner: Barbecue beef cubes, oven fried fish, broccoli and turkey casserole

Thursday

Lunch: Pimentoes rocheados, roast fresh ham, spaghetti with tomato sauce

Dinner: Salisbury steak, roast turkey, herbed baked spinach

Jan. 23

Lunch: Yakisoba, rojoes, baked and fried chicken

Dinner: Swedish meatballs, baked garlic fish, vegetable stuffed peppers

(Note: Menu subject to change without notice.

Daily hotline menu:

Ext. 24248.)

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Community center notes

• The community center tour in February to Graciosa is the 14th to 19th, not Feb. 16 to 19 as previously advertised.

• Single elimination pool tournament Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. Prizes for first and second place.

• A table tennis tournament will be held Jan. 24 at 11 a.m. This is a single elimination tournament and prizes will be given for first and second place.

• Portuguese language classes begin Thursday from 6:30 to 8 p.m. The six week course is taught every Tuesday and Thursday and cost \$50.

Library notes

• Storytime is held every Wednesday at 10 a.m. in the library and volunteers are needed to help during storytime hours. For more information, call Ext. 23688.

• The reference library is offering the following orientation tours:

— Thursday, 7 p.m., learn how to research using internet browsers, sites and search engines.

— Jan. 29, 7 p.m., learn how to use FirstSearch's 60 on-line databases.

To celebrate Martin Luther King Jr. Day, the library will have bibliographies available before and after the holiday. The library will be closed Monday.

Youth notes

• The teen center will have a cook-out fund raiser Jan. 23 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Oceanview Park. The cost is \$3 per plate.

• The teen center will have an outing to the Angra indoor swimming pool Saturday from 7 to 10:30 p.m. for children 6 and older. The cost is \$2 for members and \$4 for non-members. A permission slip is required by Jan. 12.

• A checkers tournament will be held Jan. 24 from 8 p.m. to midnight for teens in grades 7 through 12. Prizes will be awarded.

• There will be an LYP social at the Angra indoor swimming pool Jan. 30 from 7 to 10:30 p.m. for ages 6 and up. A permission slip is required by Jan. 28 and the cost is \$3 for members and \$4.50 for non-members.

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Call Ext. 22369



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• 1984 Honda Civic. Inspection valid through February 1999. \$1,500. Call John at Ext. 28469 after 5 p.m.

• Found a jacket at the gym shortly before Christmas. Identify it and retrieve, call Ext. 28450.

• **WANTED** - Packing peanuts. Call Ext. 28790.

• Giant size dog kennel, beige. Used indoors for four months. No longer needed, \$75. Call Ext. 27908 or 23713.

• Woman's 21-speed bicycle with saddle bag rack, \$135. Call Ext. 28454.

• 1974 VW Bug, Parting out or take all. New exhaust, ball joints, rear brakes and floor pans are new in the box. Also, 1972 Super Beetle, blue, runs great. Inspected until September, \$800 OBO. Call Ext. 28135.

• Cottage H-160A, \$4,800 OBO. Available immediately. Conveniently located on Santa

Rita Hill. Day/night, call Ext. 28193.

• Horse, great around children, well natured. Some tack/grooming/feed supplies included. PCSing and need to find her new owners. Call Ext. 28751 to see or for more information.

• 1978 Chrysler Cordoba, \$750. Inspection valid until September. Soft, comfortable ride on rough island roads. Call Ext. 28592 or 24151.

• 1996 Ford Explorer Sport 4x4, loaded with all options. About 7,000 miles, manufacturer warranty, \$23,000 or T.O.P. +\$4,000. Available at the end of January. Call Ext. 28858 after 6 p.m.

• 1982 Volkswagen Jetta, 4-door, 4-cylinder, diesel, AM/FM cassette. Great condition, good engine. Available Jan. 25. Asking \$650. Call Ext. 21347 or 28705.

Classified ads run on a space available basis for two weeks.



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EML, space-A seminars

• An environmental morale leave and space available seminar will be held Jan. 20 from 11 a.m. to noon in the family support center. Call Ext. 24138 for more information.

NCOA meeting

The Lajes chapter of the Noncommissioned Officer Association will be Tuesday at 11:30 a.m. at the club. Enlisted members from all branches of the armed forces are invited to attend and take part in the chapter meeting.

E-8 evaluations change

All E-7s eligible for the upcoming senior master sergeant promotion evaluation board are reminded that a third occurrence to the academic education level has been added to the evaluation brief. Master sergeants who are eligible who possess more than two education levels, should call the base education center no later than Jan. 23 to have their three highest

levels updated in the system. For more information, call the career enhancement element at Ext. 26268.

Club advisory meeting

The Top of the Rock Club advisory meeting will be held Jan. 27 at 3 p.m. in the club. All club members are invited to share their comments, questions and concerns. For more information, call Ext. 23202.

Skating rink open Jan. 22

The Lajes Loop skating rink will be open for a special session Jan. 22 from 7 to 11 p.m. The entry fee will be \$2 with a \$1.50 skate rental fee and it will be free for those with season passes. For more information, call Ext. 28375.

Family talent contest

The community center is looking for families interested in participating in the first Air Force Family Talent Contest. At least 10 family acts are needed. Also needed are microphone cords, and a sound system and volunteers to run sound, lighting and stage. Without the volunteers and equipment, the program will not take place. People can sign up until Feb. 17.

Chili cook off

Squadron chili cook-off and sumo wrestling contest, Feb. 5 from 1 to 4 p.m. Call the community center at Ext. 25216 for more information.

Investment class

The family support center will have a mutual funds and long term investments seminar Thursday from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Reservations are recommended. For more information, call Ext. 24138.

Advisory meeting

The Lajes High School advisory and school improvement committees will hold a meeting Tuesday at 3:30 p.m. in the LHS media center. All parents of high school students are invited to attend. To have something put on the agenda or to find out more about the committee, call Kim Skates at Ext. 28237.

Car wash

The 65th Transportation Squadron will have a car wash at the commissary Jan. 31 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Dial a story

The base library has a "Dial a Story" program. Children wishing to hear a story should get their parents permission and call Ext. 22161.

Tax Time '98

The 65th Air Base Wing Legal Office tax center in Bldg. T-629 will open Feb. 2. The center will be open Monday, Wednesday and Fridays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The center will be open Monday and Thursday from 6 to 8 p.m. and Saturday from noon to 4 p.m.

For more information, check out the Lajes tax center web site at: [www.lajes.af.mil/ja/tax center web page](http://www.lajes.af.mil/ja/tax%20center%20web%20page).

Community center notes

• There will be a Sega/Nintendo tournament Feb. 14 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the conference room. The cost is \$2 and there will be prizes for first and second place. The three age groups for the competition are: 5 to 9 years; 10 to 18 years; and 18 and up.

• There will be a baby diaper derby Feb. 28 from noon to 3 p.m. in the ballroom. Infants three and younger are eligible. Awards will include certificates for chubbiest legs, cutest cheeks, cutest smile, curliest hair, fastest crawler, and fastest daddy diaper changer. Sign up by Feb. 24th.

• There will be a flea market Feb. 21 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the ballroom. Cost for tables for people who would like to sell items is \$7.50.

Blue notes

The blue note publicity request line phone number has been changed to Ext. 22440. To submit a blue note call, hand carry the message to Det. 6, AFBS, fax to Ext. 23618 or email the message to: bluenote@Det6afbs.lajes.af.mil. For more information, call Ext. 22440.

Organizations wanted

Any organization interested in doing Valentine balloon deliveries as a fund raising event should call Sherron Harrison at Ext. 25255.

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Tip of the Week

Courtesy - Lajes First Sergeant's Council

If you have to put your hand on your head to keep your hat on, you may not have a good grip on your children or personal belongings. During the winter here, it's okay to carry your hat in your hand when the winds are blowing pretty strong. Don't become a statistic chasing your hat across the street. Stay safe, stay happy, and most of all stay in standards. Remember, you represent us all.

Protestant schedule

Saturday — 6:18 p.m. -
Lutheran

Sunday — 9 a.m.

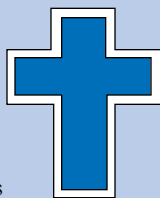
Evangelical service

Noon Gospel service

Catholic schedule

Saturday — 5 p.m. Mass

Sunday — 10:30 a.m. Mass



Thought for the Week

"To act virtuously and with justice is more pleasing to God than sacrifice."

Proverbs 21.3

Lajes is 123 Days DUI Free

Call a cab

Call a friend

Call a cop

Don't Drink And Drive



Movies

All show times are at 7 p.m. unless indicated. Movies are subject to change without notice. Call Ext. 23302 for information. (V= violence; S=sex; D=drug use; L=language)



Saturday

Gang Related
R 111 min

• James Belushi and Tupac Shakur. Two cops lure drug dealers with impounded drugs into their last deal and the duo profits. All is going good until they kill an undercover agent.

Sunday

The Man Who Knew Too Little - 4 p.m.
PG (V•S) 95 min

Starship Troopers
R (V•L•D) 124 min

• Bill Murray and Joanne Whalley. An American is mistaken for a covert operator entangled in cloak and dagger operations.
• Casper VanDien and Dina Meyer. The troopers are keeping Earth safe from intergalactic threats but they meet their greatest challenge from giant killer insects. **Extreme gore. Parents will be required to accompany anyone under 17.**

Monday

Starship Troopers
R (V•L•D)
124 min

• See Sunday for details.

Tuesday

U-Turn
R (V•S•D)
125 min.

• Sean Penn and Jennifer Lopez. Driving through the desert, Bobby's car breaks down and he's forced to stop in a town where he gets mixed up in murder.

Wednesday

Switchback
R (V•S)
118 min

• Dennis Quaid and Danny Glover. An FBI agent steps outside his job to find the serial killer who has kidnapped his son.

Thursday

A Life Less Ordinary
R (V•L)
104 min

• Cameron Diaz and Holly Hunter. A janitor who has just been fired kidnaps his boss' daughter and takes her on the road. They're pursued by two angels who scheme to turn the pair into lovers.

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Red Corner
R (V•S)
119 min.

• Richard Gere and Bai Ling. In this high stakes thriller, a savvy entertainment lawyer who seduces a beautiful Chinese woman finds himself trapped and fighting for his life in the labyrinthine Chinese legal system.

SATURDAY

0030 Showbiz Today
0100 Pretty Woman
0300 The Woman Who Loved Elvis
0500 Headline News
0530 CNN/SI
0600 ABW World News Tonight
0630 NBC Nightly News
0700 Puzzle Place
0730 Lamb Chop's Play Along
0800 Darkwing Duck
0830 Animaniacs
0900 Aaahh! Real Monsters
0930 Eerie, Indiana
1000 Nova
1100 Hometown
1130 America's Family Kitchen
1200 Headline News
1230 Navy/Marine Corps News
1300 NBA Basketball - Orlando at Phoenix
1530 ESPNNews
1600 WWF Superstars
1700 The Entertainers
1800 Headline News
1830 ESPNNews
1900 Married With Children
1930 Everybody Loves Raymond
2000 College Football Senior Bowl
2300 Drew Carey
2330 Nanny

SUNDAY

0000 Headline News
0030 ESPNNews
0100 Saturday Night Live
0230 Video Links
0300 Casualties of War
0500 Headline News
0530 Hour of Power
0630 Center Street
0700 Coral Ridge
0730 Creflo Dollar
0800 Nightmare Ned
0830 Shakespeare: Animated Tales
0900 Dr. Quinn: Medicine Woman
1000 Fly Away Home
1200 Headline News
1230 Air Force TV News
1300 NHL Hockey All Star Saturday
1530 ESPNNews
1600 WCW Pro Wrestling
1700 Xena Warrior Princess
1800 College Basketball - Purdue at Indiana
2000 Headline News
2030 ESPNNews
2100 MLK Tribute Memorial
2130 Headline News
2200 NHL All Star Game

MONDAY

0100 Headline News
0130 Wall Street Journal Report
0200 Computer Chronicles
0230 America's Black Forum
0300 Showtime at the Apollo
0400 Friday Night
0500 Headline News
0530 CNN/SI
0600 NBC Meet the Press
0700 Sesame Street
0800 Busy World of Richard Scary

0830 Kiana's Flex Appeal
0900 Oprah Winfrey
1000 Port Charles
1030 Guiding Light -
1100 General Hospital
1200 Headline News
1230 Wheel of Fortune
1300 Today
1500 What a Mess
1530 Ace Ventura: Pet Detective
1600 Captain Planet
1630 Secret World of Alex Mack
1700 Jeopardy
1730 ESPNNews
1800 Headline News
1830 Navy Marine Corps News
1900 Golden Globe Awards
2200 Headline News
2230 Tonight Show with Jay Leno
2330 Late Show with Letterman

TUESDAY

0030 Showbiz Today
0100 North Dallas Forty
0300 Tad
0500 Headline News
0530 CNN/SI
0600 ABC World News Tonight
0630 NBC Nightly News
0700 Sesame Street
0800 Fraggle Rock
0830 Fitness Beach
0900 Montel Williams
1000 Port Charles
1030 Guiding Light
1100 General Hospital
1200 Headline News
1230 Wheel Of Fortune
1300 Today
1500 Animaniacs
1530 Goof Troops
1600 Goosebumps
1630 Nick News
1700 Jeopardy
1730 ESPNNews
1800 Headline News/News 8
1830 Showbiz Today
1900 The Single Guy
1930 Mad About You
2000 Caroline in the City
2030 Boston Common
2100 Law and Order
2200 Headline News/News 8
2230 Tonight Show with Jay Leno
2330 Late Show With Letterman

WEDNESDAY

0030 Showbiz Today
0100 America's Funniest Videos
0130 NBA Basketball - Seattle at Dallas
0400 Unsolved Mysteries
0500 Headline News
0530 CNN/SI
0600 ABC World News Tonight
0630 NBC Nightly News
0700 Sesame Street
0800 Barney and Friends
0830 Body Shaping
0900 Oprah Winfrey
1000 Port Charles
1030 Guiding Light
1100 General Hospital
1200 Headline News
1230 Wheel Of Fortune
1300 Today
1500 Life with Louie
1530 Madeline
1600 Power Rangers ZEO
1630 Hidden Temple
1700 Jeopardy!
1730 ESPNNews

1800 Headline News/News 8
1830 CNN Showbiz Today
1900 Moesha
1930 Home Improvement
2000 Beverly Hills 90210
2100 Melrose Place
2200 Headline News/News 8
2230 Tonight Show with Jay Leno
2330 Late Show with Letterman

THURSDAY

0030 Showbiz Today
0100 America's Funniest Videos
0130 Unsolved Mysteries
0230 NHL Hockey - Colorado at Dallas
0530 CNN/SI
0600 ABC World News Tonight
0630 NBC Nightly News
0700 Sesame Street
0800 Fraggle Rock
0830 Fitness Beach
0900 Montel Williams
1000 Port Charles
1030 Guiding Light
1100 General Hospital
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1300 Today
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2030 Boston Common
2100 Law and Order
2200 Headline News/News 8
2230 Tonight Show with Jay Leno
2330 Late Show with Letterman

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0030 Showbiz Today
0100 Oldest Living Confederate
0500 Headline News
0530 CNN/SI
0600 ABC World News Tonight
0630 NBC Nightly News
0700 Sesame Street
0800 Barney and Friends
0830 Kiana's Flex Appeal
0900 Oprah Winfrey
1000 Port Charles
1030 Guiding Light
1100 General Hospital
1200 Headline News
1230 Wheel Of Fortune
1300 Today
1500 Batman
1530 Beethoven
1600 Tailspin
1630 Space Cases
1700 Jeopardy!
1730 ESPNNews
1800 Headline News/News 8
1830 CNN Showbiz Today
1900 Nick Freno
1930 King of the Hill
2000 Star Trek Deep Space Nine
2100 X-Files
2200 Headline News/News 8
2230 Tonight Show with Jay Leno
2330 Late Show with Letterman